

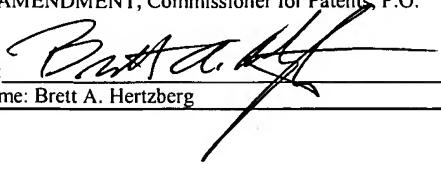


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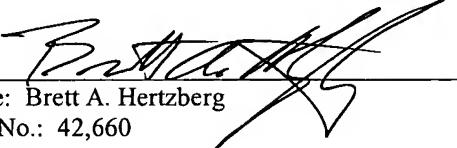
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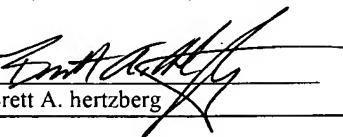
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please preliminarily amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.